GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PENDING CASES RELATING TAXATION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases relating to taxation are being delayed inordinately;

(b) if so, the number of such cases pending since October, 2001 and number of cases pending for the last three, six and nine months separately; and

(c) the steps taken to settle these cases at the earliest ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) and (b) Income Tax

The income tax assessments/reassessments are completed within the statutory time limits prescribed therefor under the Income Tax Act. Hence, these cases are not being delayed inordinately.

Central Excise and Customs

Separate details have not been maintained in respect of cases pending adjudication since October 2001 and those pending for the last 9 months. However, the information as on 31.12.2002 is given below:-

Central Excise - Number of cases pending adjudication for

less than 3 months	3 to 6 months	1 to 3 years
6898	4183	5611

Customs - Number of cases pending adjudication for

less than 3 months	3 to 6 months	1 to 2 years
610	402	725

(c)Legal provisions now provide for time-bound adjudication of cases. The disposal of such cases is also monitored regularly.